

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached Appendix contains three replacement drawing sheets, including changes to Figs. 2A, 7B and 11A.

In Fig. 2A, reference numeral "21" and the associated line from the figure have been removed. Reference numeral 21 refers to the "concavity" in the specification at pages 22-23, for example.

In Fig. 7B, reference numeral "52" has been changed to --62--, as supported in the specification at page 24, for example.

In Fig. 11A, reference numeral "9" and the associated layer were removed from the figure. This is supported in the specification at page 26, for example.

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-42 are pending herein. The title of the patent application has been amended to read, Light Emitting Device. Claim 2 has been amended to recite that the electrically conductive coating layer that is interposed between the first electrode, second electrode, slit, and electron passage layer has a resistance of 1 kilo ohm or greater. This amendment is supported in the specification at page 20, lines 6-13, for example. Claims 10, 20, 31 and 42 have been amended to correct minor typographical informalities and claims 4 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form. Figures 2A, 7B and 11A have been amended to correct minor errors and informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

1. The Objection to the title is noted. It is respectfully noted that the Title encompasses the entire scope of the claims, and is believed to be sufficiently descriptive. It is respectfully noted that numerous U.S. Patents have been recently granted which list as the Title solely "Light-Emitting Device." If the U.S. PTO has a proposed Title, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO describe that proposed Title.
2. The Objection to claim 10 is noted, but deemed moot in view of the correction of the informality.
3. Claim 2 was rejected under §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 2 has been amended as recited above. The structure of the light emitting device, as shown in Figure 1 A, includes an electrically conductive coating layer 6 formed on an upper surface of a drive electrode 4, a common electrode 5 and a slit, which is between a drive electrode 4 and a common electrode 5, with an electron passage layer 7 formed on the upper surface of an electrically conductive coating layer 6, for example. Thus, the electrically conductive coating layer 6 is interposed between the drive electrode 4, common electrode 5, slit and electron

passage layer 7, as claimed in claim 2. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §112 rejection of claim 2.

4. Claims 1, 3 and 5-9 were rejected under §102(b) over Codama. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicants note that the U.S. PTO has mischaracterized the Codama reference as disclosing a light-emitting device in which, a slit (2) is present and is jointly defined by the first and second electrodes on pages 3-4 of the Office Action. As stated in the relevant text of Codama,

FIG. 1 is a fragmental sectional view of an organic EL display device according to a first embodiment of the invention. In the figure, the organic EL display device of the invention is illustrated as comprising a substrate 1 of glass or the like which is formed with a groove structure of rectangular or U shape in cross section, and on which a first electrode layer 3 and an insulative layer 4 are formed. The insulative layer provides insulation between the first electrode layer 3 and a second electrode layer for preventing leakage and in the illustrated embodiment, is formed so as to extend to an opening end of the groove structure 2. Deposited on the first electrode layer 3 and the insulative layer 4 is an organic layer 5. On the organic layer 5, a second electrode layer 6 is formed to the illustrated shape when film-forming or depositing particles 7 travel from the arrow direction. The second electrode layer 6 thus formed leaves a non-deposited region within the groove structure 2 whereby two elements are isolated by the groove structure 2. (Col. 9, lines 38-56).

Thus, it is respectfully noted that the U.S. PTO's characterization of Codama's grooved structure 2 as a slit (2) is incorrect. Further, the relevant text from the Codama reference, which is recited above, does not include a slit that is jointly defined by the first and second electrodes, as recited in claim 1. In Codama, the second electrode has a gap based on the angle between the substrate and the film-forming or depositing particles and the first electrode layer is contiguous across the substrate. Therefore, each and every limitation of claim 1 is not present in the Codama reference. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection for independent claim 1 and dependent claims 3 and 5-9.

**Applicants respectfully request that the PTO acknowledge receipt and consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed contemporaneously with this Amendment.**

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Appendix - replacement drawing sheets  
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